

Blessing of Homes

Entering the home he says:

V. Peace be unto this home.

R. And unto all that dwell herein.

2. Then he sprinkles the dwelling's main room and the occupants, saying the antiphon:

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia: and all to whom this water came were saved, and they shall say: alleluia, alleluia. **Ps. 117, 1.** Let us give thanks to the Lord for His goodness: for His mercy endureth forever.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Repeat the antiphon: I saw water, etc.

Then he says:

V. Show us thy mercy, Lord, alleluia.

R. And grant us thy salvation, alleluia.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V.

R.

Let us pray.

Prayer

Hear us, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God! And as on their departure from Egypt thou didst guard the homes of the Israelites from the avenging angel if they were smeared with blood (prefiguring our Pasch in which Christ is slain), so likewise send thy holy angel from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this house. Through the same Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

3. The blessing given above is used on any day of Paschaltide, depending upon local custom.